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### **REMARKS**

#### **Claims:**

Claims 3, 8, 11, 16, 19 and 24 comprise the case.

Claims 3, 8, 11, 16, 19 and 24 are rewritten in independent form, and Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12-15, 17, 18, 20-23 and 25-30 are canceled.

#### **Allowable subject matter:**

The Examiner indicated that Claims 3, 8, 11, 16, 19 and 24 are "objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Accordingly, Claims 3, 8, 11, 16, 19 and 24 have been rewritten per the Examiner's instructions.

Hence, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 3, 8, 11, 16, 19 and 24, and passage of the case to issue.

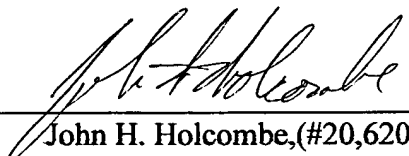
#### **Cited Art:**

The references cited by the Examiner have been examined and as best understood, do not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention. The Examiner cited USPP 2003/0067702, Iles et al.; USPN 6,476,725, Aguren et al.; USPN 6,039,260, Eisele; USPN 5,986,992, Bardmesser; and USPN 5,745,102, Bloch et al.

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Accordingly, Applicants believe the present invention distinguishes over the cited references and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow Applicants' Claims 3, 8, 11, 16, 19 and 24.

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